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1. EDGAR PHILIP YOUNG
2. MINISTER'S AND CARPENTER'S REPORTS ON GERMAN BOMBING
3. PRESS REPORT ON GERMAN BOMBS
4. GERMAN SHELLING OF DOVER

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From: LONDON

To: MOSCOW

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To DIRECTOR.

1. The deputy to the MASTER of the METRO [KHOZYAIN METRO][i] has been speaking to a retired naval officer [by the name of][a] YOUNG [ii]. He works as naval correspondent of the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, is a close friend of CRIPPS and was expelled from the Labour Party [RABOCHAYA PARTIYA] at the same time as the latter [iii]. He stated that in the diplomatic sphere Britain was not using her strength against Italy. The Foreign Secretary [MINISTER INOSTRANNYKH DEL] was continuing to work actively on anti-Fascist [B% leanings], chiefly in the Balkans. He considers that this country is gradually moving towards a Fascist régime. CHURCHILL and BEVIN are probably the leaders of this movement.

2. According to MINISTER's [MINISTR][iv] and CARPENTER's [PLODNIK][v] information the following targets were bombed in LONDON from 23rd to 26th August. [1 group unidentified] ships in the TIDAL BASIN DOCK. Result fire. War factory in EAST ACTON. In the STEPNEY area a number of bombs fell [which penetrated][a] to a depth of 2-15 feet and did not explode straight-away. The police immediately evacuated the inhabitants. During the day several bombs exploded destroying a number of houses. After two days the police are giving permission to return home. In the MOORGATE area 50-kg bombs destroyed a number of warehouses. A warehouse containing wax was burnt down.

3. As regards LONDON the aim of the SAUSAGE-DEALERS [KOLBASNIKI][vi] is to bomb the industrial suburbs by day, and at night to keep the city

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itself and the air defence [PVO] in a constant state of tension by individual raids. At the same time lone [aircraft][a] dropped bombs on the city at the end of their flight.

4. Reports show that the SAUSAGE-DEALERS have been particularly active in bombing ports and aerodromes. PORTSMOUTH, PORTLAND, SOUTHAMPTON, DOVER and HILL [GUL] have suffered seriously. The naval correspondent [vii] reported that the north-east region of England was almost defenceless since the authorities had taken away the A.A. guns to protect the western ports, where most of the activity was concentrated. He stresses the lack of A.A. guns.

5. On 24th August 15 bombs were dropped on FORD Aerodrome destroying the administrative wing [SLUGHENOE POMESHOH] and [C% fuel] dump. On FANSHIRE Aerodrome two vehicles were destroyed, and after the raid 15 ambulances took the casualties away. On 25th August HENDON and BIGGIN HILL Aerodromes were bombed; STAFFORDS says that over 100 SAUSAGE-DEALER aircraft flew towards the latter at the same time. They were met by 30 fighters near the aerodrome.

6. The press confirms that on 26th August the SAUSAGE-DEALERS dropped bombs filled with heavy oil with a mechanism to ignite them. The SAUSAGE-DEALERS have also dropped new incendiary bombs made of thin metal and filled with paraffin wax and resin [b].

7. According to information from local Frenchmen [c] the SAUSAGE-DEALERS are firing on DOVER with the French heavy 340 and 380 mm guns that were on railway mountings at positions behind the MAGINOT LINE. During the break-through the French brought them up to the River AISNE but even so they were not used. On 24th August the SAUSAGE-DEALERS shelled DOVER from various positions between CALAIS and BOULOGNE. At night British aircraft bombed their positions at HARINGHILL from a height of 4,000-10,000 feet.

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BARCH [viii]

Notes: [a] Inserted by translator.

[b] Or "tar".

[c] Or "a local Frenchman".

Comments: [1] MASTER of the METRO: the Soviet Ambassador.

[11] YOUNG: Edgar Philip YOUNG. See also LONDON's No. 1024 of 17th September 1940.

[111] Sir Stafford CROPPS was expelled from the Labour Party in

- ✓ [iv] MINISTER: Unidentified covername. See also MOSCOW's No. 450 of 7th September 1940, and LONDON's Nos. 766 of 15th July 1940, 798 of 22nd July 1940 and 966 of 2nd September 1940. The Russian word is used only in a governmental or diplomatic sense.
- ✓ [v] CARPENTER:  
See also MOSCOW's No. 450 of 7th September 1940, and LONDON's Nos. 816 of 26th July 1940, 966 of 2nd September 1940, 1277 of 13th November 1940 (3/NEP/T1762), 871 of 29th April 1941 (3/NEP/T1488), 2150 of 6th August 1941 (3/NEP/T1476) and 2211 of 9th August 1941 (3/NEP/T1747).
- ✓ [vi] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.
- ✓ [vii] The naval correspondent: i.e. Edgar Philip YOUNG.
- [viii] BARCH: Possibly Simon Davidovich KREMER, whose official post was Secretary to the Soviet Military Attaché in LONDON. He was appointed in 1937 and is thought to have left sometime in 1946. The covername BARCH occurs as a LONDON addressee and signatory between 3rd March 1940 and 10th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the covername BRION.